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Brotherhood

Many people have asked me in the past few weeks, "What do you do on your mission trips, Kevin?" Most of the time I respond by saying that I teach, but I could also say that I ask a lot of questions and do a lot of listening as well. I try to understand, in the short period of time that I usually have, what is the current situation in respect to the Lord's church and the consequences of our efforts. This inevitably leads to other discussions about the Lord's church in other places besides the one's where we are directly involved.

It was during such a conversation that brother Moses told me that we would have to take a vacation together sometime and visit all of the places in Costa Rica where the church is located and see all the various tourist attractions that are in each place respectively. I responded that I would definitely love to do that sometime, but that it would cost quite a bit of money. He replied that

we could take the bus and it would be very cheap and that it wouldn't cost much at all. We argued about it briefly and then I realized he wasn't taking into account where I lived. So I asked him, "Moses, where do I live?" A puzzled expression came over his face and suddenly he realized that in order for me and my family to travel it is very expensive. He explained that he was thinking that I was just another Tico living in Costa Rica.

While this was slightly embarrassing for him, I took it as a great compliment on our relationship. I have known brother Moses since my first trip to Costa Rica in 2002. But in actual time, I have only spent about a month with him and his family over the course of those years. Yet, those have been some of the most cherished moments of my life. This is because of the great bond that we have in Christ. Galatians 3:28 states, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one

in Christ Jesus." Because we are Christians there are no geopolitical boundaries between us; there are no racial barriers; there are no cultural obstacles. Why? We have the bond of brotherhood in Christ, a bond that is stronger than any other. In that moment when we were talking, my identity was his identity and that made us one.

David wrote, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). Indeed, how pleasant and good it is to know someone so deeply, to have the same concerns, triumphs, struggles, and sorrows, to share in the great work that our Lord has given us to do in His name, and to rejoice together in the beautiful consequences that flow from a life of service to Him. The Christian knows such a relationship because he knows Christ and longs to see Christ living in those around him and rejoices when he so finds a soul eager to share in that state. Brotherhood is truly a beautiful thing.

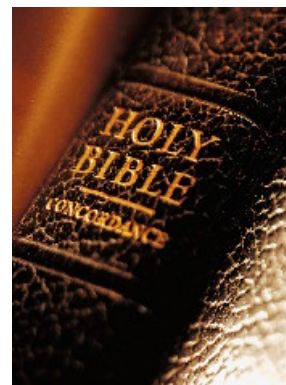
Kevin Cauley

Welcome To the Berryville church of Christ

- ♦ *We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!*
- ♦ **Elders:**
Clay Bozarth
Leon Duncan
Bill Fort
Bruce Foster
Glenn Quigley
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Bible Studies for the week of March 4th, 2007

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| AM Sermon | Be Sure Your Sins Will Find You Out |
| Scripture Reading | Numbers 32:20-23 |
| PM Sermon | The Marriage of the King's Son |
| Scripture Reading | Matthew 22:1-14 |
| Sunday Class..... | The Book of Matthew |
| Wednesday Class..... | The Book of Proverbs |
| Ladies Bible Class | The Book of 2 Thessalonians |
| Nursing Home Bible Study | The Book of Acts |



Time To Move Out!

What day of the year is a command? That day is today. Doesn't today's date, March fourth, sound like the command to MARCH FORTH? Such is the command to not remain where one is presently, but to move on; to press forward.

In the first chapter of Deuteronomy we read, "The Lord our God said to us in Horeb, 'YOU HAVE STAYED LONG ENOUGH AT THIS MOUNTAIN. TURN AND TAKE YOUR JOURNEY, AND GO to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.'" (Deuteronomy 1:6-7 ESV)

And the journey from the mountain where the Law was given began. The people did MARCH FORTH toward the promised land. However, as Moses recounted further into this chapter, due to lack of trust in God and obedience to His Will the people refused to enter. And the 40 year wandering in the wilderness began; one year for each day the twelve spies had spent looking over the land God had promised to give. (Numbers 14:34)

Later, Moses noted at another point in their wandering in the region of Mount Seir, "Then the Lord said to me, 'YOU HAVE BEEN TRAVELING AROUND THIS MOUNTAIN COUNTRY LONG ENOUGH. TURN NORTHWARD and command the people, "You are about to pass through the territory of your brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. So be very careful.'" (Deuteronomy 2:2-4 ESV)

For Israel, their time at the mountain when the Law was given was important. However, they were not to remain there. We must recognize the importance of time in deep meditation and prayer while at the same time realizing that is not where we are to remain. There is the need to arise in action to the glory of God. Life is a journey with many opportunities along the way for both personal growth and to draw others onto the Way that leads to the eternal promised land above.

On life's journey we always face the danger of settling down where we are. It is far too easy to get comfortable in our habits and ways and complacent in our spirituality, ceasing to progress in the Way and Will of God. Perhaps

at times we sense our life circling instead of MARCHING ON. We may be in danger if we cease to feel the onward and upward draw of God.

Remember Paul's earnest aim. "NOT THAT I HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED THIS OR AM ALREADY PERFECT, BUT I PRESS ON to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and STRAINING FORWARD TO WHAT LIES AHEAD, I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12-14 ESV)

As mature in the faith and spiritually gifted as Paul was, he was not content with his spiritual stature. He still saw the room for growth and PRESSED ON to become all that the Lord had in mind for him and to ultimately receive his eternal rest. As we accept each new day God provides, may we also continue to MARCH FORTH in trusting obedience to His guidance. The promise still stands to enter that rest. (Hebrews 4:1, 8-11) Let us trust God to safely bring us into the heavenly land.

Carl Hanson

The Week in Review: February 25th, 2006



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| Sunday Bible Class..... | 57 |
| Sunday AM Worship..... | 63 |
| Sunday PM Worship..... | 47 |
| Wednesday Night Study..... | 51 |
| Contribution..... | \$1548.53 |
| Budget..... | \$1743.39 |

Kevin's Korner

As I type this article, I am suffering from the cumulative effect of having stayed up very late for the past several evenings. What have I been doing, you may ask, to keep me up so late? Mary Lynn and I re-wallpapered the living room this past week and we have been moving around furniture and rearranging how we live to prepare for some new living room furniture that we will be getting this coming week. The only major piece of furniture that I can recall ever having purchased in our married life is the blue couch that is now sitting in our office and so it has been a long wait for us to have such things. This was also the very first home redecorating project that we have undertaken together in the first 15 years of marriage. (I can already hear the men saying, "What a blessing!" and hear the women saying, "What a shame!") So we are both duly exhausted from having completed this project this past week and we still have much work to do in rearranging the sleeping quarters for the boys and getting Eddie out of his baby bed and Austin into his own room and etcetera.

However, looking back at the project, it seems that it has been a good experience and I thought I would share a few lessons learned. First, you've got to remove the old before you can put on the new. We spent several hours simply taking off the old wallpaper before we even thought about putting up the new wallpaper. In addition to that, we appropriately prepared the surface of the wall so that the new wallpaper would stick better. God told Jeremiah: "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." Jeremiah had to root out, pull down, and destroy before he could build and plant. There's a principle that's true for wallpaper and godly living both!

Second, a healthy dose of patience goes a long way toward hanging wallpaper. When that stuff gets wet, it's heavy and it also goes wherever it touches initially. Then you've got to peel it off again and retry until you get it right. This involved several different communication strategies between Mary Lynn and I several of which sent us in various different directions initially, but after the first

five sheets were hung, we were able to develop a nice rhythm to putting the stuff up. Life is like that too. New things tend to frustrate us and cause us to rethink our situation, but with a little patience we can soon develop a successful rhythm. James said, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Finally, a good straight edge can solve a number of difficult problems. We measured, cut, hung, and cut some more and we needed a good straight edge for each step involved in the process. Of course, a straight edge is nothing more than a correct standard. God gives us the correct standard in His word and it is up to us to measure and cut our lives along that standard so that our lives turn out right and we don't make a bigger mess than when we started. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Who'd of thought that hanging wallpaper could be so spiritual?

Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Marie Adams, Lois Bales, Shane and Dustin Blackston, Brian Guess, Travis Hand, Opal Hull, Jean Willhite, Mary Young. Travelling: Crystal Hess, Bill Silvers.
- Our monthly elders and deacons meeting is tonight after evening service.
- This coming Saturday is our monthly men's breakfast. All are invited to attend.
- If you would like a copy of one of the ethics books that we used in the adult Bible class, they are available in the back of the auditorium for free.
- There are also still some directories available in the back of the auditorium. Thank you Tiffany Windle for printing these for us.
- Our pantry item is: Pinto Beans.



God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

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Times for Worship and Study

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| Sunday Morning Bible Class: | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday Morning Worship: | 10:20 AM |
| Sunday Evening Worship: | 6:00 PM |
| Wed. Ladies Bible Class: | 10:30 AM |
| Wed. Evening Bible Class: | 7:00 PM |
| Thursday Nursing Home Bible Study | 2:00 PM |

Serving Each Other

March 4th, 2007

March 11th, 2007

Sunday Morning

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| Songs: | Bill Fort | Ken Smith |
| Preaching: | Kevin Cauley | Kevin Cauley |
| Opening Prayer: | George Eddings | Ervin Hand |
| Scripture Reading: | Dan Hand | Perry Foster |
| Lord's Table | Clay Bozarth | Leon Duncan |
| | Glenn Quigley | Glenn Williams |
| (assist) | Matthew Morrell | Brandon Foster |
| | Ray Duncan | Michael Morrell |
| Closing Prayer | Michael Morrell | Dan Hand |

Sunday Evening

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| Songs: | Glenn Williams | Clay Bozarth |
| Preaching: | Kevin Cauley | Kevin Cauley |
| Opening Prayer: | Rusty Windle | Glenn Williams |
| Scripture Reading: | Dan Hand | Benjamin Windle |
| Lord's Table | Ervin Hand | Dale Pinkley |
| | Michael Morrell | Floyd Bills |
| Closing Prayer | Floyd Bills | Ken Smith |

Wednesday

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| Songs: | Bruce Foster | Glenn Williams |
| Opening Prayer: | Bill Fort | Dale Pinkley |
| Invitation: | Rusty Windle | Bill Fort |
| Closing Prayer: | Ray Duncan | Brandon Foster |

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